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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 54 pages, including 14 independent claims and 25 claims total.
2. Drawings - 29 sheets of formal drawings containing 122 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-085376, filed on March 26, 2003.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	25	-	20	5	x \$18	\$ 90.00
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- \$770.00 for filing fee; and
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-085376, filed on March 26, 2003.

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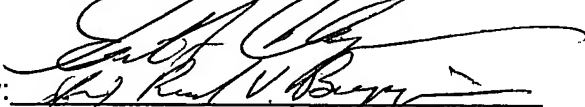
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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

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